

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
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TO AGENTS
Advertisements will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will be made in this rule.

The Educational Question.
The return of Governor Seymour to the natural capital of British Columbia, after a lengthened sojourn on the mainland, affords the people of the Island an opportunity of pressing on His Excellency's attention the importance of maintaining free and unfettered the admirable Common School System in vogue here. Governor Seymour's remarkable message upon this all-important subject will not soon be forgotten. But, however much the question may have been muddled by His Excellency's pen, one portion of the message displayed unmistakably the hostility of the writer to Free Education. A subsequent communication from His Excellency to the Board of Education ignored the existence of that body, and promised that he would devote "full consideration to the whole question during his next visit to Victoria, with the best assistance he could procure." After the Board, "the best assistance" one would have supposed to be the Special Committee of the Legislative Council, appointed to report—to advise—upon a system of education. They solved the question, but did not report to the Council. If justice had ruled, that august and independent (!) body would not have been prorogued until they had expressed their sentiments in a report that the public could read upon this vital question. We stated our opinion, when the Committee was appointed, that the question was barked for the session. The result has proved the correctness of that opinion. Now that Governor Seymour is among us once more we hope he will lose no time in inquiring into the Free School system. If when he enters a room devoted to educational purposes he will divest himself of all prejudice; if he will discard the false impressions that his "predecessor" instilled into his mind, and examine carefully and critically into the successful system in force here—he will, we feel confident, depart impressed in favor of its continuance. We are not only advocates of a Free School system of education, but, holding to the belief that no man has a right to rear his children in ignorance and render them pests instead of useful members of society, we would compel every parent to send his or her children to some school. If it is clear that it is right for a father to have his child taught, why should not now-a-days questions, why should not the State see that he performs the duty just as it does see that he performs the similar duty of supplying daily food and clothing? If we make Smith give his boy bread, why not make him give him education, or give it to him ourselves? We do not, however, press for compulsory education at present, but we are satisfied that gratuitous education will be an inducement where apathy exists. It is distressingly painful to have observed the maneuvering which has been at work upon that social question since 1859. When is a manly, straightforward, open-hearted policy to be pursued? That is the question, and it is Governor Seymour's opportunity to answer it.

Why Victoria was so Called.
EDITORS COLONIST—I find by reference to His Excellency's Message No 37, referring to the question of the Capital, the following words: "New Westminster was by Proclamation having the force of law, created 'the Capital' of British Columbia. Her Majesty was invited to name the young city, and bestowed on it the designation it now bears."
Now, it is by this time well known that the Proclamation in question enacted nothing, it was a proclamation in an ordinary sense, bound up in a book with the enactment of British Columbia, just as our Pre-emption Statutes, but not on that account a proclamation having the force of law, but merely a proclamation for publicity, like the advertised reward for the apprehension of a murderer, or a proclamation to convene a Parliament; but if the claim of New Westminster to be the seat of Government of a new combination of colonies is based upon the fact of the Queen having named it, cannot the same be said of Victoria? Unless I am gravely mistaken, the fact of the settlement of Victoria was communicated to Her Most Gracious Majesty by the owners of the Island—the Hudson Bay Company—and Her Majesty was graciously pleased to intimate her approval of the designation of the city of Victoria by her own illustrious name.
This is a matter which took place before Blue books were published; but it is a fact, and well known to the officers of the then existing colony, entered in the correspondence of the Company and in the archives of Downing Street.

If the Queen's naming, or signifying her approval of the name of a capital, be a test, the claim of Victoria is surely as good as that of New Westminster. Her title is older by ten years. Victoria has solidly enjoyed the character and continuously been occupied as the capital of Vancouver Island, and people who bought town lots in early days

bought them upon a well grounded faith that they bought lots in a capital city.
Now, not only was Victoria the capital of Vancouver Island, but it was the only town in the Island, except the coaling station of Nanaimo, so that there never arose a necessity for proclaiming or enacting any such of the way and unusual thing as that such and such a town should be a capital; just as necessarily, as I have before said, only arises where there has been confusion, error, and change. And, still more, Victoria for five years was the capital not only of Vancouver Island but of the other Colony—objected to, doubtless, by many, but still *de facto* and for five years the absolute headquarters of Government to the vexation, doubtless, of the citizens and landholders of New Westminster, but not to their real disadvantage, as the vacant lots and tumble-down shanties, the absence of voluntary residents and utter impetuosity of the inhabitants so clearly shows. The inhabitants of New Westminster have been rather hastened in their downfall by the fatal gift of independence; it has proved that with the assistance of a Government which, to do it credit, acted most affectionately with a view to the welfare of New Westminster and the independence of British Columbia, proved to the full the impossibility of forcing commerce up the Fraser, and dislocating a vital town, which without any other power or undue influence, other than the simple laws of economy and convenience, did the leading business of the two colonies. The citizens of New Westminster had in former days the Englishman's privilege—"the right to growl"—and they had a plausible right to hope for better things. Commercial men saw with other eyes, and capitalists and speculators have now the solid satisfaction of seeing that the best has been done for New Westminster without tangible good, and the town of New Westminster, being tried in the balance of cities, may as well accept her destiny as a town of secondary importance rather than delay for a year or two longer her inevitable destiny. The evil of a Government located so far from the commercial capital is so present to the minds of many, the relief from such a trouble would be so forcible that I should not be surprised if compensation were possible should delay not intervene; but after the fight is over, weapons measured, and the moral victory complete, persistence in a lost combat may harden the heart, and the influence of the softer and more generous feeling be lost forever.
SAM. SPEDWELL.

Extensive Robbery from the Oriental Bank.
(From the Melbourne "Herald.")
A carefully designed and mysterious scheme has deprived the Oriental Bank Corporation of bills of exchange to the value of about £300,000. The robbery is one of the most curious and sensational that has occurred in our commercial circles for some years, and the affair was the subject of general conversation in the city during yesterday afternoon. From an advertisement published by the bank, cautioning persons against negotiating any of the stolen bills, the public obtained the first information of the matter; and then another advertisement, published in the *Herald* on the 22nd inst. and several alternate days, came in for a large amount of attention. The advertisement was printed under the head of "Missing Friends, Messages, etc.," and runs as follows:
P. N. F. will remain here.
O. T. A. will be shipped off instead.
R. O. C. will be a *felo-de-se*;
T. U. T. will go mad;
E. S. S. will wind up.
There was considerable speculation during last week as to the meaning of this announcement; but no one acted as translator, till a gentleman in the bank pointed out a possible meaning of it, and it was considered that some person attempting to be funny was impudently interfering with the private business of the bank. This gentleman read the letter straight down to mean PORTENTOUS FACTS, and the initial letters in the third column to read—
Falconer will remain here.
Anderson will be shipped off instead.
Cargill will be a *felo-de-se*.
Traill will go mad.
Skinner will wind up.
Certain changes have lately taken place in the Queen street establishment, and Mr. Falconer, who was accountant, was about being removed to England, and sailing in the Donald Mackay, while his place was to be filled by Mr. Anderson, manager of the branch bank at Sandhurst. Mr. Anderson recently arrived in town, and commenced his duties. Mr. Cargill is inspector, Mr. Traill manager, and Mr. Skinner is at present on his way from England as the new manager of the bank. On Monday afternoon Mr. Anderson looked over the bills, which numbered 800, with Mr. Grieve, a clerk in the bill office, and found them quite correct after they had been checked. They were then deposited in a wooden box, which was placed unlocked inside a large one of tin, which was locked, secured, and placed by the messenger in the presence of the new accountant, Mr. Anderson—in the vault used as the strong room. On the bank officials going to the box on Tuesday morning it was discovered that the wooden box had been extracted bodily from the tin one, which was still locked. The messenger states that when he carried the box to the strong room on the previous day he did not notice any difference in the weight, but the moment he took it in his hands on the following morning he discovered that it was much lighter. Subsequently the wooden box was found covered up with a piece of matting under the counter, but it was quite empty, all the bills of exchange, which were the property of the bank, having been abstracted. There were only two keys, for the tin box, and these were held by Mr. Falconer, who handed them over to Mr. Anderson on Monday morning. The tin box had no marks of violence to show that it had been forced. The strong room, also, it is stated, had only two keys, which are held by Messrs Young and Lizaras, and the locks are so arranged that the door cannot be opened except in the presence of both parties, so that there is a complete cloud over the whole affair. There is one thing quite certain, and that is, that the strong room could not be opened by the most clever professional burglar under some hours; and with some force, while there is not a scratch on the door of the vault, it is most difficult to consider what could be the object of the thief or thieves when it is known that the bills are not of the slightest value to any person but the people of the bank. Several of the bills became due yesterday, and were met by the acceptors upon the bank giving them an indemnity against future loss. The advertisement, which is at present in the possession of the detective police, is apparently written, with the exception of the capitals, by a female, but it is thought by experts to be but a clumsy imitation. There is, however, stronger reasons for supposing that the author of the advertisement knew something of the intended robbery; but if the reading of it is correct in reference to the action taken by the bank, Mr. Anderson is mentioned as going to England instead of Mr. Falconer. The premises of the

banking-house were partly searched during yesterday by the police, as it was suspected that the bills had not been taken out of the bank, and to-day the search will be continued. The bills, we should mention, were all under discount, and bore the bank stamp.
The Parliament in Victoria is opened early this year. A new and still more liberal Land Act is promised, and a prompt and considerable extension of the railway system of the colony is to be proposed. The state of the money market is considered to be favorable to new loans, and surveys for railway extensions are to be prosecuted forthwith. Our neighbors are more energetic than we are in this respect. Even the South Australia new railways and extended railways are the order of the day, though the Government there is about to try the experiment of a cheap line for horse traction and a narrow gauge.—*Sydney paper.*
ADELAIDE, Jan. 21.—Over 200,000 bushels of wheat have been purchased up to the present time for shipment to England. The Arab Stead has been chartered, and there are several inquiries for suitable vessels. The market is rather quiet at 4s 3d for immediate delivery; flour remains at £10 10s to £11 10s.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.
New Brunswick.
DEATH OF MR. FULTON.—We learn by telegraph that Robert Fulton, Assistant Provincial Secretary of this Province, died at Fredericton by latest dates. Mr. Fulton had been in the Provincial Secretary's office about forty years. He was probably sixty or sixty-five years of age.—*St. John Globe.*
The Woodstock *Arcturian* goes into the Government in its own true sledge-hammer style for neglecting to have the Province properly represented at the Paris Exhibition, and afterwards offering a sum of \$2000 towards defraying the expenses of a boat's crew to compete in the international regatta.
The *Macchia Republicana* says the United States Mail Stage from Calais, was pursued by Custom House officer Foss, who seized a lot of articles declared smuggled. The team and all the contraband goods were taken into his custody and returned to Calais, the driver being left without any means of conveying the return mail.
The entrance fees for two St. John boats have been sent to Paris. Both entrances are for four-oared boats—the one an outrigger, the other a plain gig boat. A letter has been sent to the Secretary of the Regatta Committee at Paris, and one to Mr. Mitchell in England, in reference to the matter.

Prince Edward's Island.
The revenue of Prince Edward Island for the year ending January 31st, was £95,412, and the expenditure £154,251—an excess of expenditure over revenue of £58,839, but £82,000 of the expenditure was for an extra purpose, in payment for lands, the Canada estate alone absorbing £79,500. The ordinary expenditure shows a balance in favor of revenue of £7,500. The *Islander* says that the past ten years have been years of extraordinary prosperity, but it thinks that last year the shipbuilding business was overdone, and that this has resulted in heavy imports which left more goods on hands than there is any necessity for. It admits great depression in trade just now, but speaks hopefully of the future business prospects of the Island.

Canada.
Mr. Starke, a Montreal printer, is using crude petroleum as a generator of steam. The apparatus consists of a retort, in which the petroleum is converted into gas, which is forced into a number of large burners. The steam keeps up a good pressure in a ton-horse boiler. The apparatus is very simple.
During the season of 1866 the total number of emigrants landed at Quebec, via the St. Lawrence, was 28,618, against 21,355 in 1865; showing an increase of 7,263 souls—viz., 4 in the number of cabin and 7,259 in the steerage passengers.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Havelock has arrived at Quebec to assume the post of Assistant Quartermaster General.
It is said that the Queen has announced her intention of extending to Volunteers serving under officers of the army in this Province the right of obtaining the decoration of the Victoria Cross for deeds of gallantry in the field of action.

New Advertisements.
Salt! Salt! Salt!
CALMEN ISLAND SALT, IN BAGS of about 120 pounds, just received and for sale in lots to suit.
HENRY NATHAN, Wharf street.
St. Nicholas Hotel.
NOTICE.
THIS ESTABLISHMENT IS CLOSED for repairs until further notice.
News copy
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For San Francisco and Port Townsend.
THE CALIFORNIA, OREGON AND MEXICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S STEAMER "California,"
JOSEPH WILLIAMS, Commander.
Will sail from Brooklyn's Wharf for Port Townsend at 11 a.m. on SATURDAY morning, April 27. Returning, will sail for San Francisco at 6 p.m., April 29th.
For Freight or Passage apply to
ap27 CHARLES W. WALLACE, Agent, Wharf street.
STEAM ENGINE FOR SALE.
P. H. BARKER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED by the owner to sell by Public Auction, at his Salesroom, Wharf street, on the 25th day of May next, at 11 o'clock, a.m., if not otherwise disposed of:
One Second-hand Iron Steam Engine, English manufacture, constructed on the High and Low Pressure principle.
High Pressure Piston, 13 1/2 inches diameter, 30 inches stroke, working from rocking beam, central between cylinder and condenser.
Low Pressure Piston, 19 inches diameter, 48 inches stroke, working from same of rocking beam.
The water pump placed under high pressure cylinder and connected with high pressure piston.
Also a cast-iron circular tank frame, for 6 run of 4 feet 3 inches, square, shunting, pulley, &c., for a flour mill of 6 run of 4 feet 3 inches, which are now in Messrs Spence and Co's Warehouse, Victoria. Total weight, about 30 tons, more or less.
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Do Albarne,
Castelo,
Gen. Grant,
La Rosa,
Century,
Forest Rose,
Solace,
Crabbs of Comfort,
Liberty Boy,
Young America,
Savory,
Standard,
Solar,
Sunnyside,
Golden Luxury,
Bouquet,
Big Dick,
Forest Rose,
Grand Turk,
Knickerbocker,
La Flor de Tobao,
Nonpareil,
Our Pet,
Pride of the Union,
Queen of the Pacific,
Star of the West,
Turkish,
Universal,
Wadsworth,
Excelsior,
American Gentleman,
Scotch,
Rappee,
Maccoboy,
Tobac de Paris,
Nature's Bounty,
Our Favorite,
Flowers of the Forest,
Fruit Juice,
Atlantic Cable,
Jewel of Ophir,
Jesse Hare Reed,
Nectar of Roses,
Washoe,
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